The terms of reference of the Committee are to examine the induction and training of engineers, the conditions of workshops and equipment, awarding of various licences and endorsements, maintenance procedures and all other matters connected with adequate maintenance of aircraft in Indian Airlines. It will also examine the aspects of regulatory control and monitoring procedures of air-worthiness.

The composition of training committee is as follows :

1. Shri B. K. Bhasin, Member, N.T.S.B.	Chairman
2. Capt. N. K. Dawar, Director, I.G.R.U.A.	Member
3. Capt. I. Pareira, Former Dg. M.D., IA.	Member
4. Shri C. S. R. Rao, Former Dir. (Ops), AI	Member
5. Wg. Comdr. R. P. S. Garcha, Sr. Flight Safety Officer, I.A.F.	Member
6. Shri H. S. Khola, Dy. DGCA	Member-Secretary

The terms of reference of the Committee are (i) to study the existing training procedures and methods followed in Indian Airlines for Pilots; and (ii) to identify any areas of weaknesses in the system and suggest measures for their improvement.

Persons killed/injured by DTC buses

*228. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of persons killed/injured due to accidents caused by DTC buses so far during the current year ;

(b) what is the amount of compensation paid by DTC to the victims and the next of kin of the deceased during this period ;

(c) whether Government are taking any steps to inculcate the safe driving habit amongst the DTC drivers ; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) :

Statement

(a) During the period from January to April, 1989, 69 persons were killed and 500 injured in the road accidents involving DTC buses.

(b) The compensations paid during January—April 1989 amounts to Rs. 64.51 lakhs.

(c) and (d) Recruitment of drivers is done by DTC after rigorous tests of driving competence and rules of the road. After selection, they undergo a special training course for two months in DTC training school and pass a test before the driver is assigned line duty. The performance is watched all along and as a part of safety measure, accident prone drivers are identified and given refresher courses in association with the Delhi Traffic Police. Maximum speed limit of city buses has been fixed at 40 K.M. per hour and speed governors are provided

in the buses. Special squads are deputed to check the driving habits of drivers on line and anyone found with faulty driving habits is sent for refresher course. An incentive reward to the tune of Rs. 1000/- is being given to the drivers with accident free record during the calendar year. Besides these steps., if the driver is found guilty for rash and negligence driving suitable departmental disciplinary action is taken including dismissal from service.

Meals in three-piece casseroles in Express trains

*229. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Southern Railway is going to improve the meals in all Express trains in three-piece casseroles service ;

(b) if so whether there is going to be a further price increase in the improvised service of meals ; and

(c) what steps Government have have taken to streamline the Dining/Pantry Car services in trains with particular stress on hygiene ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Three piece casserole service is being gradually extended.

(b) There is no such proposal at present.

(c) Steps taken/proposed to be taken include modernisation of Base Kitchens for preparation of meals in hygienic condition and supply to pantry cars, use of disposable cups, casserole service, intensive inspections, provision of improved hot cases in pantry/dining cars.

Achieving 100 per cent literacy in some cities and states

*230. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Literacy Mission is taking special steps to have 100 per cent literacy by February, 1991 in four metropolitan cities and in the States of Kerala and Gujarat and if so, what special steps are envisaged therefor ; and

(b) what is the rate of increase in literacy in these cities and states during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) :

Statement

(a) The National Literacy Mission seeks to enlarge the base of the on-going Centre-based programme of RFLP and SAEP by launching volunteer-based mass campaign in selected areas with a view to mobilising and involving all sections of the society in the Mission, and achieving complete eradication of illiteracy in a specific area within a prescribed time schedule. The Mayors of the metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras have been requested to prepare and put into operation an Action Plan for this purpose.

In Gujarat, the Gujarat Vidyapith has launched a campaign to cover 35,00,000 illiterate